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The amendment filed July 13, 2000 canceling claims 1-9, 31-37, 39-41, 48-50, 52-54 and 56 has been entered as it simplifies issues for appeal. The rejection of claims 1-9, 31-37, 39-41, 48-50 and 52-54 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Evan or Reed or Green et al. each in view of Tari et al. is withdrawn in view of the cancellation of the claims.

The reply brief filed July 13, 2000 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert Schwartzman whose telephone number is (703) 308-7307. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

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